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OHIO

WEEKLY CROP - PROGRESS SUMMARY

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OHIO CROP-WEATHER HIGHLIGHTS

The average temperature for the State was 44.0 degrees, 3.2 degrees above normal for the week ending Sunday, November 17. Precipitation averaged 1.37 inches, .71 inches above normal. Growing degree days were 8 points below normal.

Reporters rated 3.9 days suitable for fieldwork during the seven-day period ending Friday, November 15. This is 3.0 days less than last year and 1.7 days less than the five-year average. Topsoil moisture was rated 7 percent very short, 19 percent short, 63 percent adequate, and 11 percent surplus.

Days Suitable

	Current week	Previous week	Since 1 st week of April
2002	3.9	4.2	157.6
2001	6.9	6.4	158.0
1997-2001 Average	5.6	5.5	164.7

Topsoil Moisture

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Current Week	7	19	63	11
Last Week	5	21	66	8
Same Week Last Year	6	19	71	4
1997-2001 Average	3	14	54	5

FIELD ACTIVITIES AND CROP PROGRESS WEEK ENDING SUNDAY NOVEMBER 17

As of Sunday evening, 91 percent of the State's **Corn** acreage used for grain was harvested, up 6 percentage points from the previous week. Current progress continues to run slightly ahead of both last year and the five-year average. **Soybean** harvest is coming to an end with only 4 percent of the crop remaining in the field. The current pace is 4 percentage points behind both last year and the State's five-year average. 97 percent of the **Winter wheat** acreage has emerged, compared to 93 percent last year and 97 percent for the five-year average. The majority of the State's acreage has gotten off to a good start. Growers continued top-dressing their fields last week. Other agricultural activities taking place last week included harvesting apples, stripping tobacco, preparing equipment for storage, spreading lime and fertilizer, tilling soil, contacting local FSA offices, and marketing grain.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS

The State's Winter wheat acreage continued to do well last week with 76 percent now rated in good-to-excellent condition. Recent precipitation has allowed for good growth and even stands.

This is the last Crop Weather Release of the 2002 Season. The staff of the Ohio Agricultural Statistics Service would like to thank all of our faithful reporters who took the time from their busy schedules to provide us with the data and comments that make this report possible. We also thank the reporters and readers who made valuable suggestions for improving our weekly report. We wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season, and we hope to hear from you again in the spring.

PERCENT PROGRESS OF CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY NOVEMBER 17

Crop	2002	2001	1997-01 Average	Previous Week	
				Ohio	U.S.
Corn harvested for grain	91	88	89	85	86
Soybeans harvested	96	100	100	95	91
Tobacco stripped	53	53	NA	42	NA
Winter wheat emerged	97	93	97	94	85

PERCENT CONDITION OF MAJOR CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY NOVEMBER 17

WINTER WHEAT	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	0	2	22	56	20
Previous Week	0	2	21	57	20
Previous Year	4	11	27	49	9

WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY NOVEMBER 17

Region	Temperature		Precipitation				Growing Degree Days ^{1/}			
	Last Week	Dev.	Last Week	Dev.	Since Apr.1	Dev.	Last Week	Dev.	Since Apr.1	Dev.
Northwest	40.4	1.0	1.01	.44	21.51	-3.39	4	-7	3411	263
North Central	42.7	2.7	1.26	.66	23.66	-2.14	5	-7	3414	312
Northeast	43.3	3.5	1.68	.90	26.80	-0.95	6	-6	3111	185
West Central	42.3	1.7	1.49	.85	27.47	0.88	5	-10	3599	301
Central	44.7	3.7	1.48	.78	27.71	0.57	7	-9	3599	257
Central Hills	43.8	4.0	1.36	.70	26.54	-0.79	7	-7	3363	276
Northeast Hills	44.6	4.0	1.43	.75	25.73	-1.48	7	-8	3417	279
Southwest	43.9	1.7	1.40	.71	33.69	5.36	9	-10	3774	272
South Central	47.1	4.3	1.38	.79	30.81	3.82	16	-7	3823	252
Southeast	46.7	5.2	1.26	.60	29.08	1.77	15	-5	3595	253
STATE	44.0	3.2	1.37	.71	27.45	0.52	8	-8	3527	264

1/ Modified Growing degree days, base 50 - ceiling 86.

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